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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 1975 QUADRIpartite MEETING: BERLIN
AND GERMANY ASPECTS

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN DRAFT COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE PARA 6

REF (C). WE CAN ALSO AGREE TO INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO

BERLIN IN CSCE PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT

ACCEPT LUECKING'S ASSUMPTION (PARA 2 REF (B)) THAT

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COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE CAN BE WORKED OUT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH

BONN GROUP. IN OUR VIEW, FACT THAT QUADRIpartite MEETING WILL BE TAKING PLACE AFTER CONCLUSION OF MINISTERIAL MAKES IT ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO MAKE CLEAR TO OTHER NATO MEMBERS THAT LANGUAGE WAS GIVEN FOUR POWER REVIEW IN BRUSSELS AT SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. IF SUCH A REVIEW WERE NOT ACCOMPLISHED ONE OF IMPORTANT REASONS FOUR BONN GROUP POWERS HAVE FOR GETTING TOGETHER SEPARATELY IN NATO CONTEXT WOULD BE PUT IN QUESTION.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRUSSELS MEETINGS:

A. US AGREES MINISTERIAL MEETING SHOULD COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECRETARY GENERAL'S LUNCH ON DECEMBER 12. WE WILL INFORM PARTICIPANTS LATER ON SITE FOR THE GATHERING, WHICH US WILL HOST.

B. IN OUR VIEW, PARTICIPATION AT MINISTERIAL MEETING SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO PER SIDE. WE BELIEVE ONE PARTICIPANT AT SENIOR LEVEL MEETING SHOULD BE NOMINATED TO REPORT AT BEGINNING OF MINISTERIAL SESSION ON IMPORTANT AGENDA POINTS AND RESULTS OF SENIOR LEVEL DISCUSSION. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD OBIviate NEED FOR EACH COUNTRY TO HAVE BONN GROUP REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT AT MINISTERIAL GATHERING, BUT IF OTHERS AGREE WITH BRITISH PROPOSAL THAT GERMAN EXPERTS SHOULD BE PRESENT AT BEGINNING OF MINISTERIAL SESSION, WE CAN GO ALONG.

C. WE CAN AGREE TO EITHER OF THE PROPOSED TIMES (PARA 2, REF C) FOR THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING.

D. WE PROPOSE THAT SENIOR LEVEL BE HELD AT USMISSION NATO. USNATO IS REQUESTED TO ASSURE THAT CONFERENCE ROOM SUITABLE FOR MEETING WITH 15-25 PARTICIPANTS AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 10 AND 11.

E. AS NOTED ABOVE, WE BELIEVE AGENDA OF SENIOR LEVEL MEETINGS SHOULD INCLUDE FINAL APPROVAL OF COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE AND DISCUSSION OF AGENDA TOPICS PREPARED FOR MINISTERS. GOAL WOULD BE FOR ONE SENIOR LEVEL CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICIPANT TO SUMMARIZE DISCUSSION FOR MINISTERS, WITH INDICATION OF POINTS WHERE FURTHER MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION WAS NECESSARY. BONN GROUP SHOULD ALSO INDICATE ANY OTHER TOPICS WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT SENIOR LEVEL BUT NOT REPORTED TO MINISTERS. KISSINGER

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